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The role of Colonel-General Ivan Mikhaylov, vice-president of the Council of Ministers is allegedly the following: There is allegedly, in each of the main ministries, a military section responsible for keeping informed on all ministry matters which concern national defense. General Mikhaylov is reported to be in charge of all these sections.

Comment: Already reported as a sign of intensive war preparation is the large number of generals who are in the Bulgarian government. At present there are at least seven, who are:

- a. Colonel General Ivan Mikhaylov, vice-president of the Council of Ministers;
- b. Colonel General Petur Panchevski, Minister of National Defense;
- c. Lieutenant General Atanas Atanasov, deputy minister of National Defense;
- d. Lieutenant General August Milchev, deputy minister of National Defense;
- e. Major General Ivan Peychev, deputy minister of the PTT;
- f. Major General Petur Kolarov, Minister of Public Health; and
- g. Major General Boyan Bulgaranov, deputy minister of Procurement and State Reserves.

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The following should also be added to this list:

- a. Lieutenant General Georgi Tsankov, Minister of Interior;

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- b. Major General Georgi Kumbiliev, deputy minister of Interior, a general of the Interior Troops (MVR);
- c. Major General Khristo Boev, deputy minister of Interior, a general of the Interior Troops (MVR);
- d. The general who will replace General Asen Kirilov Grekov, deputy minister of National Defense, who died on 2 March 1954;
- e. Lieutenant General Georgi Damyanov, President of the Presidium of the National Assembly; and
- f. Lieutenant General Vladimir Stoychev, President of the Committee of Physical Culture and Sports.

It has been previously reported that the Ministry of Procurements and State Reserves appeared to have, among its missions, one of a military nature. This was evident from the appointment of General Velichko Georgiev, former commander of 8 and 9 Infantry Divisions, as deputy minister of this ministry. No further information has been received concerning the presence of General Georgiev in the government since October 1951, but the partially military nature of the Ministry of Procurements and State Reserves is confirmed by the appearance of Boyan Bulgaranov in November 1953 as deputy minister of Procurements and State Reserves. General Bulgaranov had been purged, but he is one of the most capable generals of the new regime and recently returned to favor. This ministry may be responsible for keeping stocks of foodstuffs and other products for the Army.

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